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In re Application of	:	
Takashi Suzuki	:	
Application No. 10/743,824	:	ON PETITION
Filed: December 24, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 25-257	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE", filed May 6, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10 to accord the above application a filing date of December 29, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.10." This is **not** a final agency decision within the meaning of 5 USC 704.

Petitioner argues that the above-identified application was deposited with the USPS on December 26, 2003, not December 24, 2003. However, as December 26, 2003 was a federal holiday, petitioner states that the application should be accorded a filing date of the next business day, or December 29, 2003.

37 CFR 1.10(c) states that any person filing correspondence under 37 CFR 1.10, who can show that there is a discrepancy between the filing date accorded by the Office and the date of deposit as shown by the "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label, may petition the Office to accord the correspondence a filing date as of the "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label, provided:

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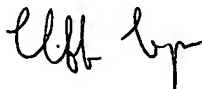
Here, Petitioner has not included a true copy of the Express Mail label. In addition, it does not appear that the number of the Express Mail mailing label was placed on the application papers.

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